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Group Art Unit: 1616

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Jacki Müller, Achim Zöllkau, Vera Pohl, Ewa Bednarska and Rainer Süßmann

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

BOX FEE-AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning toward the middle of page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The surfactants to be employed according to the invention are selected from the group of ethoxylated C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alcohols, preferably C<sub>6</sub> – C<sub>16</sub>, of the ethylene/propylene oxide block copolymers, if appropriate comprising ethylene diamine as starter unit, and of the alkyl ether sulphates and their combinations. It is also possible to employ ethoxylated castor oil. Preference is given to using ethoxylated tridecanols having from 5 to 13 ethylene oxide units, sodium, potassium or ammonium alkyl ether sulphates, in particular sodium,